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amendments were offered. There were amendments to the committee amendments that were considered, some of which were adopted. When the Legislature left the issue that day, Senator Beutler had pending AM3114 as an amendment to the committee amendments. (Legislative Journal page 1069.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Schrock, we are on General File. Why don't you take about 30 seconds and give us a brief review of the bill.

SENATOR SCHROCK: This is the livestock waste bill, and to jar your memory, this bill was to accomplish the fact that our livestock producers with confined facilities will have to have a federal permit come next February, and if we do nothing, our livestock facilities will have to have a federal permit and a state permit. We're trying to expediate the process by letting them have just one permit that satisfies the federal...the federal requirements. Our livestock facilities now are fairly stringently regulated. We have a good program in place and so it should not affect our producers, but we need to adopt this bill so that they don't have to have two permits. We're not trying to make the bill any tougher. We're not trying to make the livestock waste issues any easier. And so we've been working on it diligently. The bill did hit a stonewall on the floor on General File. We think we've worked out some things. People have to give in this process. We've given. Other people have given. Hopefully it can go fairly easily this evening.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. As stated by the Clerk, amendment is pending. Continue discussion on the Beutler amendment, Senator Smith. Senator Beutler, would you want to give us a quick review of your amendment, if you haven't already?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah, I can do better than that, Senator Cudaback. We've been working, those of us interested in the bill, have been working with Senator Schrock and have presented to him the various ideas we've had, and he has accepted some and rejected some with regard to my input. He's accepted enough of them to satisfy me, so I'm good with Senator Schrock. And those things that he was able to accept are being incorporated in a